GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5974
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2000
SOLE SELLING RIGHTS TO BOOK STALL CONTRACTORS .
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Ministry's letter No. 75/TG.III/461/19dated November 15, 1975, the sole rights of all the bookstall contractors including M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co. (forconducting sale of books and periodicals etc.) were restricted to the platforms existing up to December 31, 1975;

(b) whether as per Ministry's letter No. 75.TG.III/461/19dated November 24 & 25 , 1976 , the bookstall contracts at platforms constructed/ added on or after Ist January, 1976, at stations where M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co.having contracts would be awarded to unemployed graduate categories only; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Previously, M/s. A.H. Wheeler& Co. had exclusive rights for running bookstalls over large portions of railway. From 1.9.1960, these exclusive rights were reduced to only sole rights at stations, where they were already holding bookstalls. This clause was further modified in 1975 and 1976 under which railway can allot bookstalls to any other eligible categories including unemployed graduates at platforms constructed after 1.1.1976 at stations where M/s. A.H. Wheelerhave sole selling rights. This rule was again modified in 1988, thereby allowing M/s. Wheeler to operate at new platforms on stations where they have sole selling rights subject to surrender of stall at other station in lieu thereof.